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SUBJECT: GAO REPORT, US AGREEMENTS WITH THE ROK

1. GAO MARCH 1 RELEASED SUBJECT REPORT WHICH IS A REVIEW OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN US AND ROK BEFORE AND AFTER PASSAGE OF CASE ACT.

2. PRESS REPORTS, PARTICULARLY REUTERS, SERIOUSLY MISLEADING. REPORT IS IN FACT OBJECTIVE STUDY OF PROBLEMS OF CASE ACT REPORTING.

3. IN SUM, REPORT STATES THAT QUOTE CERTAIN AGENCIES HAVE NOT BEEN SUBMITTING TO THE STATE DEPT. OR THE CONGRESS ALL AGENCY-LEVEL AGREEMENTS THEY HAVE CONCLUDED. SOME AGENCIES HAVE APPARENTLY INTERPRETED AGREEMENTS WHICH ARE CONCLUDED BY AGENCY PERSONNEL OR WHICH ARE OF A SUBORDINATE OR IMPLEMENTING CHARACTER TO BE OUTSIDE THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE CASE ACT. CONGRESSIONAL
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AND STATE DEPT. CLARIFICATION OF THE REPORTING REQUIRE-

MENTS AND IMPROVED CONTROLS OVER THE REPORTING OF
AGREEMENTS ARE NEEDED. UNQUOTE.

4. IN COURSE OF REPORT GAO ANALYZES 1971 TEXTILE
AGREEMENT AND PL 480 UNDERSTANDINGS ARISING THEREFROM.

GAO CONCLUDES THAT QUOTE CONSIDERABLE DOUBT EXISTS
AS TO WHETHER FOREIGN EXCHANGE LOSSES HAVE OCCURRED
AS A RESULT OF THE RESTRAINTS ON TEXTILE EXPORTS
UNQUOTE AND THAT QUOTE THE REMAINING CONCESSIONAL
PL 480 COMMITMENT DOES NOT APPEAR JUSTIFIED AS AN
EQUITABLE OFFSET TO PRESENT OR PROPOSED TEXTILE
QUOTAS, AND A REASSESSMENT OR READJUSTMENT SEEMS
APPROPRIATE AND JUSTIFIABLE. UNQUOTE.

5. COPY OF REPORT BEING POUCHED.

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